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SUMMARY: FOR SECOND TIME IN PAST MONTH, PATRIOTIC FRONT CO-LEADER ROBERT MUGABE VISITED ETHIOPIA AND HELD TALKS WITH PRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC OR DIRG)
CHAIRMAN LT. COL. MENGISTU HAILE-MARIAM. MUGABE REPORTEDLY RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM MENGISTU THAT ETHIOPIA WOULD CONTINUE TO EXTEND MORAL, POLITICAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. MEETING PROBABLY SERVED PURPOSES OF BOTH MEN: FOR MENGISTU, REAFFIRMATION OF HIS "RADICAL" AFRICAN CREDENTIALS; FOR MUGABE, FAVORABLE PRE-OAU SUMMIT

PUBLICITY. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING ONE-DAY STOPOVER ON HIS RETURN FROM "WORKING VISIT" TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST, MUGABE ONCE AGAIN HELD TALKS WITH ETHIOPIAN HEAD OF STATE MENGISTU. AS DESCRIBED TO PRESS BY ZANU PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION OFFICER, "COMRADE MAU MAU," OBJECTIVE OF VISIT WAS "TO CONSOLIDATE AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN STRUGGLING PEOPLES OF ETHIOPIA AND ZIMBABWE BY ESTABLISHING AN INFORMATION NETWORK IN ETHIOPIA WHICH IS A BIG OPPORTUNITY FOR STRUGGLING PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE TO CONDUCT INFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA WORK ON DEVELOPMENT OF STRUGGLE OF ZIMBABWE PEOPLE." THIS WOULD APPEAR TO CONFIRM THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS ESTABLISHED INFORMATION OFFICE IN ADDIS ABABA, WHICH IS ALSO HEADQUARTERS OF OAU SECRETARIAT.

2. ETHIOPIAN PRESS REPORTED THAT MENGISTU REASSURED MUGABE OF ETHIOPIAN SUPPORT FOR PATRIOTIC FRONT (NOT ONLY MUGABE) DURING JUNE 11 MEETING. ASSURANCES WERE WITHIN CONTEXT OF FULL ETHIOPIAN SUPPORT TO ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENTS AND THOSE STRUGGLING FOR INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OAU RESOLUTIONS. MUGABE CALLED ON ALL "PROGRESSIVES" FOR COOPERATION AND REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION WILL ATTAIN ITS GOALS. COMRADE MAU MAU ALSO STATED IT WAS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR AID FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE.

3. MUGABE WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY CHIEF NATIONAL POLITICAL
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COMMISSAR MAYOR URIMBO (SIC) AND ZANU CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND DEPUTY DEFENSE SECRETARY REX NHONGO. TWO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, PERMSEC MAJOR DAWIT WOLDE-GHIORGIS AND AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST DEPT HEAD BERHANU DINKA, PARTICIPATED IN MENGISTU MEETING. IT IS UNKNOWN WHAT ROLE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES HAVE PLAYED IN TWO MUGABE VISITS AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY, BUT MENGISTU SUPPORT IS CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS ETHIOPIAN POSITIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.
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